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The St. Lucie County Exhibit at Jacksonville

Local Visitor at the Exposition-Fair writes of Our County's Display.

One of St. Lucie county's observant and appreciative citizens has this to say of the splendid exhibit at the Exposition-Fair in Jacksonville:

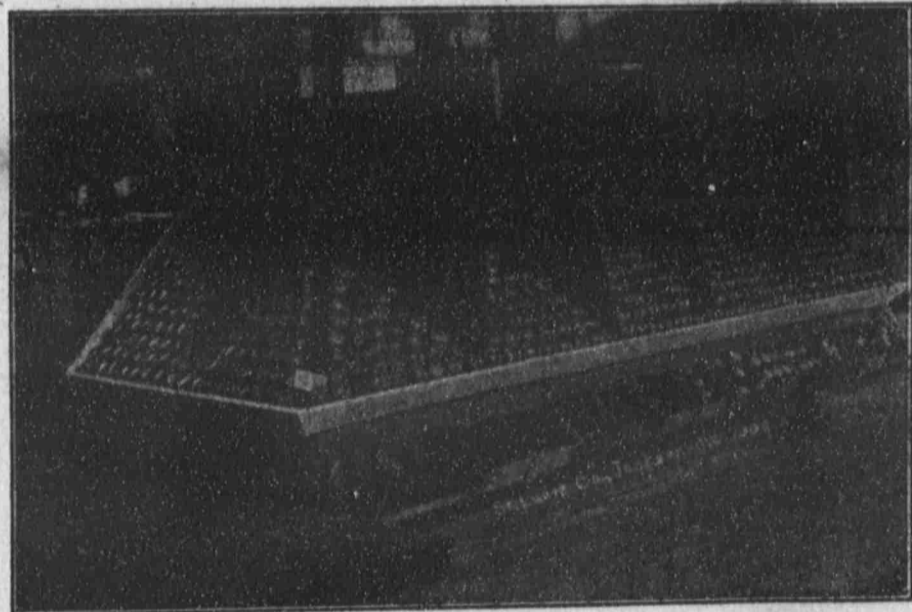
Our county commissioners, a public set of men, in conjunction with the Board of Trade of Fort Pierce, a men alive to the county's interests, decided to make an exhibit of the county's resources at the Jacksonville Winter Exposition and appointed E. Andrews, K. B. Raulerson and Austin a committee to get up an exhibit. Mr. Andrews was sent to Jacksonville to place it. St. Lucie county's space is to the right of the entrance on the main aisle as you enter the building and occupies a space of 2 feet, over which is erected a three sided booth in white and dark blue painting. In one corner is a miniature apple field set out in the ground in natural state, with plants in all stages of fruiting, from the plant, red the first blush of bloom, the budding the apple just forming, the grown apple, the half grown apple, the three-fourths grown apple and mature apple, showing color, and fully ripened fruit. This field is an object of great curiosity to the tourists those who have never seen a pine-apple field growing. At one end can be seen the white sand and the slips set out as a young field is begun. This field can be seen the several varieties most cultivated, the principal variety being the Red Spanish, then Abakka, Smooth Cayenne, Porto Rico, Egyptian Queen, Sugar Loaf and also one wild pine.

Along the same side bearing bananas with several bunches of bananas a melon pawpaw, which is an object of great curiosity, few ever having seen this tree growing with its large leaves on it and many questions have to be answered about it. From this view can be seen a bunch of mammoth cane, the stalks being 18 to 20 inches long. Walking around the end you see an oblong square erected, on which are hung many beautiful pictures of the various industries of St. Lucie county.

One about five feet long is a panoramic view of the town of Ft. Pierce and the observer a very correct idea of the town. There are shown the various scenes of the progress of a pine-apple field from one clearing and setting a field, a view of fully 200 acres of apples, the apples ready to be picked, a packing scene, a packing house scene, the fruit being packed, 1360 boxes standing on one platform for shipment. Other scenes of orange and grapefruit groves with the fruit on, a potato field, 30 acre tomato field, cane growing, and fishing industry. One picture showing over 80,000 pounds of Spanish Mackerel caught by hook and line in one day outside of an River inlet, all very tastily arranged. These pictures are all taken and prepared by the Florida Photographic Concern of Fort Pierce, which was the official photographer for Mr. Flagler on the East Coast of West extension and which is an important industry of Fort Pierce.

In the corner opposite the main entrance is erected a large sloping pyramid 18x22 feet on which is displayed by all to be the prettiest show of the whole Exposition. At the base are piled five pyramids of spotless grapefruit without a blemish. Between them in the form of a diamond the beautiful red gold Indian River orange, without spot or blemish, the point of the diamond turning nearly to the top of the stand, extending downward between the two points of the oranges; garigines in their beautiful dark orange color, in a half diamond or inverted pyramid, the top capped with a border of oranges and all crowned with grapefruit and pineapples, the design with the blending of colors and the perfection of the fruit giving it an artistic effect so striking that it is the admiration of all who behold it and reflecting much credit upon its designer. On the other side facing the other alley are arranged a beautiful display of pine apples in all their red golden glory arranged like the oranges with exceeding taste it two diamonds or pyramids, with grapefruit filled in between in a half diamond, the two different colors making a beautiful contrast.

All in all, this without doubt is one of the best fruit displays that we have ever seen and is so pronounced by all who see it. This exhibit reflects great credit upon St. Lucie county and its progressive citizens, and is a great advertisement for the county and its resources, and ought to and without doubt will bring many settlers within her borders. And we say in closing, may her bright golden star ever appear as bright as she did in her exhibit at the Midwinter Exposition at Jacksonville in 1909.



VIEW OF ST. LUCIE COUNTY EXHIBIT.

Delightful Oyster Feast.

A representative aggregation of the grace and gallantry of the city assembled at Gladwin's boat yard on the river last Friday evening and indulged in a good old-fashioned oyster roast, among them being Mrs. J. T. Lisk, Misses Sarah Best, Vinnie Anderson, Lanthe Bond, Eddie Geiger, Ida Jacobs, and Messrs. J. G. Coats, Howard Saunders, Will Lennard, Wm. Fee, Wilson Godfrey, Fred Hill, J. T. Lisk, F. G. Robinson, E. C. and D. H. Conkling.

It was amazing to note the variety and excellence of the dishes provided by the chefs, considering the material furnished, but the following is actually the menu:

Consomme of Oysters
Deviled Crabs Broiled Oyster Fish
Oysters on the Half Shell
Stewed Oysters Steamed Oysters
Roasted Oysters Baked Oysters
Oysters, Calorized
Raw Oysters
Olives Pickles
Crackers, Cheese

Special Meeting of Council.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the town council next Tuesday evening, March 16, for the purpose of discussing the proposed bonding of the town for good roads and other improvements, and to listen to such complaints as may be brought before them.

W. E. VANLANDINGHAM,
March 12, 1909. President.

The Florida Pine Company has leased the State convicts for the next four years at \$281 each, per annum.

"THE PILGRIMS" ON MARCH 17

Ladies of Ruth Chapter, Eastern Star to Present Play.

The ladies of Ruth Chapter Order Eastern Star, will give an entertainment at the Masonic hall next Wednesday evening, March 17. Preparations for this affair have been in progress for some time and it is safe to predict that it will be the star entertainment of the season.

The curtain will go up on "The Pilgrims," a farce in one act, participated in by the ladies of the order. The ghostly costumes and the weird scenic effects will combine to present a rare aspect of the darkly mysterious.

In addition to the play a splendid program has been prepared which includes a reading by M. S. Rollins, a bass solo by Mr. Evernden, a violin solo by Mrs. Jewell and numbers by other local talent.

The object of this entertainment is to raise the Chapter's allotment of funds for the General Grand Chapter which entertains the World's Grand Chapter in Jacksonville in 1910.

Nothing is being spared to make this entertainment worthy of the patronage of the people of St. Lucie county, and the ladies of the order will doubtless be rewarded by a crowded house.

Don't forget the date, Wednesday evening, March 17.

Florida State Sunday School.

The Florida State Sunday School Convention will convene at Tampa March 23-25, the sessions being held in the First Baptist church of that city.

Entertainment of delegates will consist of lodging and breakfast, and arrangements have been made to procure dinner and supper near the church at reasonable rates. Mr. G. E. Mabry, Tampa, is chairman of committee on entertainment, to whom all communications relative thereto should be addressed.

Transportation account of this occasion, over all the railroads of the State, has been secured at a rate of one and one half fare plus fifty cents; this rate is based on the certificate plan, and those availing themselves of this rate will purchase full-fare ticket at starting point, and get from selling agent receipt therefor entitling purchaser to reduction on return passage.

Speakers of national reputation will be present representing the National Sunday School Association, prominent among them being Hugh Cork, Chicago. Every Sunday School in the State is requested and expected to be represented.

All pastors are asked to read the above to their respective congregations and the press is requested to copy.

H. C. GIDDENS, Tampa,
Chairman Publicity Committee.

Notice.

To All Whom It May Concern: Take notice, that six days after the date hereof, I, as marshal of the city of Fort Pierce, Florida, will, in obedience to an express order from the mayor of said city, kill all dogs that may be found upon the streets of the said city of Fort Pierce that are not securely muzzled. All dogs wearing proper muzzles will not be molested and do not come under the order mentioned herein.

E. G. GUSTAFSEN,
March 12, 1909. Marshal.

The Governor's Views on Leasing Convicts

Gives Facts and Figures in Support of His Views on this Important Matter.

The Jacksonville Metropolis in its efforts to secure good roads in Florida, wired Governor Gilchrist a few days ago if it were not possible to use the State convicts for building good roads throughout the State, instead of leasing them to corporations, and the following is the Governor's reply:

Executive Mansion,
Tallahassee, Fla., Mar. 6, 1909.
W. R. Carter, Editor of the Metropolis,
Jacksonville, Fla.:

Dear Sir: I am pleased to learn that you are taking an interest in the convict question and expressing that interest in the columns of your paper.

The prison system is one of the most important of our institutions, and in its proper administration the officers charged with the duty of supervising the prisons are deserving of our best thought and co-operation to be derived from intelligent public sentiment on the subject. The newspapers can render valuable assistance by publishing accurate information and building up sound public opinion relative to this matter.

Under the law, the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, composed of the governor and all of the cabinet have supervision over the State prison system.

I am herewith enclosing you a copy of the reasons which governed this board in making a lease of the State convicts prior to the assembling of the legislature. The reasons given seemed sound to the entire board. Feeling such to have been the case, I decided that it would have been lack of good faith to have referred the matter to the legislature, as any other action than that which has been taken by the board would have undoubtedly resulted in a veto message.

Owing to financial conditions, it is quite evident that the State convicts should be leased, that being the only practical disposition to make of them for the present. The question then as to whether they should be leased in a body or in groups or sections. The latter plan was tried in Georgia and resulted in much scandal.

I invite your careful examination of the conditions to be followed by the contractors who lease the State prisoners, and would suggest that you compare these with the terms upon which county convicts are leased by your Board of County Commissioners.

According to the information which I have received, the darkest spot upon our convict system lies in the improper care given this matter by County Commissioners. There is reason to believe that if these boards would treat county convicts with the same consideration that the state board treats state convicts there would be no convict scandal in Florida.

In my inaugural address I pointed out that the death rate among the convicts in the State convict camps was 12.25 per thousand, and that in the registration area of New England, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, the District of Columbia, etc., the death rate was 17.8 per thousand. This is a convincing argument that the manner in which Florida's convicts are employed is conducive of their healthfulness. Another thing: It is obvious that it would be impracticable to handle long term convicts in the temporary camps which would be necessary in connection with road working.

It may be suggested that if the State is desirous of securing good roads through the agency of the convict system that a law might be passed by which the proceeds from the leasing of convicts should be applied to the construction of good roads.

I hope that you will bring your cannons, loaded with the shot and shell of

printer's ink to bear upon your County Commissioners, and get them to understand that convicts have certain rights.

Very truly yours,
ALBERT W. GILCHRIST,
Governor.

Accounts Paid by School Board.

The following accounts were examined and approved, and warrants ordered drawn for same:

Mrs. Edith Hunter, teaching	\$100 00
Miss Ethel Sharman, teaching	45 00
Miss Sue Hunter, teaching	65 00
Miss Ula Geiger, teaching	45 00
Miss Iantha Bond, teaching	50 00
Miss Eddie Geiger, teaching	50 00
Miss Edith Hunter, teaching	50 00
Miss Emma Helseth, teaching	45 00
Miss Elma Geiger, teaching	50 00
Miss Ida Tobia, teaching	45 00
Miss Edna Johns, teaching	60 00
Miss Mamie Hardee, teaching	45 00
Miss Ethel Sharman, teaching	45 00
Miss Nellie Geiger, teaching	40 00
Lawton F. Geiger, teaching	50 00
Mrs. Eunice Schofield, teaching	50 00
Miss Hellene P. Orrel, teaching	50 00
Miss Edna Witham, teaching	80 00
Mrs. Irene Pennington, teaching	70 00
Miss Nellie Schofield, teaching	40 00
B. D. Gullett, teaching	50 00
G. M. Hubbard, teaching	100 00
Bank Fort Pierce, interest	77 33
J A Rodgers, transport pupils	48 00
E C Summerlin, " "	36 00
Kia Walker, " "	37 50
C S Blocker, " "	52 12
Fee & Stewart Co., supplies No 8	10 70
Fee & Stewart Co., supplies No 7	1 40
A J Drawdy, horse hire	10 00
Improvement Club, room rent	25 00
Tribune Printing Co., printing	5 00
Fort Pierce News, printing	5 00
H B Paxton, repairs school No. 8	75 00
Dorcas Hudson, janitor	15 00
W R Jackson, insurance No 101	15 00
W R Jackson, insurance No 5	6 00
R Swain, transp pupils	50 00
B F James, teaching	50 00
R E McLaughlin, fixtures Olney	1 85
W C Braddock, mem bd & mil	9 40
Geo. E Coon, mem board & mil	7 00
R R Gladwin, member board	4 00
K M Tedder, salary supt.	75 00
K M Tedder, incidentals	1 25
S P Chandler, wk Tantie ground	9 00
W R Jackson, fixtures No 8	4 80
W R Jackson, fixtures No 5	6 20
W R Jackson, desk for board	26 50
J E Fultz, recording	1 72

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Warrants outstanding last rep \$3710 73
Warrants drawn for February 1801 56

Total \$10,512 29
Amount rec'd from all sources 446 28
Cash in hands of Treasurer 204 28
Total outstanding warrants \$9,861 73
K. M. TEDDER, R. R. GLADWIN,
Sec. and Supt. Chairman.

Take Notice.

To Whom It May Concern: Take notice that all lots, yards and premises that are not thoroughly cleaned within six days from the date of this notice, that same will be cleaned by the direction of the Mayor of the city of Fort Pierce, and the costs of cleaning will be taxed against the person or persons who fail herein. It will not be necessary to haul off the loose paper that may be in your yards as a few matches will produce the required result, but all cans and other non-inflammable material can be collected into piles and hauled off by the scavenger. Please take heed as this notice will positively be carried into effect as above stated.

R. WHYTE, Mayor.

March 12, 1909.
DeSoto county carried off nearly all the prizes at the Tampa State Fair. St. Lucie is "runnin' 'em some" at the Jacksonville Exposition and will easily take first place in that competition.